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SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—"கனம் மன்றத் தலைவர் அவர்களே, திருவாளர் ஆர். வி. கிருஷ்ணய்யரை நான் நன்கு அறிவேன். நான் சேலத்தில் வழக்கறிஞராக இருக்கும்போது அவர் அங்கே வருவார். சிறு வயதிலேயே நல்லபடிப்புத் திறமை வாய்ந்தவர். மேலும் நல்ல குலத்தில் பிறந்தவர். ஒழுக்கத்திலும் மேம்பட்டவர். அவருடன் பழகியவர்களுக்கு அவருடைய மதி நுட்பம் நன்கு தெரியும். ஆகவேதான் இந்த நாட்டு முடிசூடா மன்னராகிய ஸ்ரீ ராஜகோபாலாச்சாரியார் அவர்கள் அநேக ஆண்டுகள் வேலை செய்துவிட்டு, ஓய்வெடுத்துக்கொண்டிருந்தவரைக்கூட மீண்டும் சட்ட சபைக்குப் பணியாற்ற அழைத்தார். அவர் வந்தது முதற் கொண்டு சட்ட சபையிலிருந்த அநேக உறுப்பினர்களுக்கு ஒருவழி காட்டியாக இருந்தார். இந்தச் சந்தர்ப்பத்தில் நான் ஒன்றைச் சொல்லிக் கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன். இந்தச் சட்ட சபையில் தமிழ் ஆட்சி மொழி மசோதா கொண்டுவந்தபோது, அதுபற்றி அவருடன் கலந்து பேசியபோது அவர் எனக்கு ஆதரவும், உற்சாகமும் அளித்தார். அதற்காக நான் என்னுடைய நன்றியைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொண்டு, அன்னார் நீண்ட ஆயுளுடனும், திட வலிமையுடனும் வாழ்வதற்கு இறைவனை வேண்டி, நான் அவரைப் பாராட்டுகிறேன்."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—"I associate myself with the Leader of the House, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and other Members in the tributes paid to Sri R. V. Krishna Ayyar. I came to know him very many years ago when he was in Government service, particularly at a time when he was Secretary to the old Education and Public Health Department and when I was serving in Medical department. After coming to the Legislature I have received very much help from Sri Krishna Ayyar. Whenever there was a troublesome question of something difficult coming up in the Council, even if he was not here, he used to send me a chit saying 'such and such a thing might happen in the Council and such and such reply should be given.' We will miss him from our Secretariat. But I am sure that his assistance and valuable advice will be available to us always. I wish him complete and happy rest in his retired life. I shall communicate this resolution to Sri R. V. Krishna Ayyar."

The resolution was carried unanimously.

IV.—PRIVILEGE MOTION.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—"I have received notice of a motion from Sri T. Purushotham. The hon. Member will please read out the motion without any speech."

* SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—"Under rule 155 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, I move, Sir—

'*That this House do take notice of the remarks of the Hon. the Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly in his ruling given on 18th March 1955 questioning the equal right of the Hon. the Chairman of the Legislative Council with the Hon. the Speaker of the Assembly in the matter of control of the Legislature Secretariat and recruitment thereto based on certain aspersions on the sittings of this House.*' "

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3-20 p.m. * SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Sir, let him read the relevant portions. Some of us might not have seen the report that appeared in the Press."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" This is the newspaper report, Sir."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Let the hon. Member read the report, Sir. But for purposes of verification, we can refer to the official report."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" This is what the Hon. Speaker has said, as reported in *The Hindu*, dated the 19th March 1955—

'. . . No doubt both the Chairman of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Assembly were consulted, but so far they had not enacted any law for the separate responsibility of the Legislature Secretariat. He informed the House that in 1954, the Legislative Assembly sat for 67 days working for more than six hours a day and the Legislative Council for 35 days working for three hours a day. The number of days when the Assembly sat was greater than the number of days when the council did. The Chairman had, however, as much voice as the Speaker.

What I say, Mr. Sivashanmugham Pillai said, is that the Speaker's voice may be drowned in the voices of the Governor's representative and the Chairman of the Council.' "

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" That is substantially correct except for one sentence, namely, ' The Chairman had, however, as much voice as the Speaker '. But the rest of the report is substantially correct. This is a very difficult subject to give an instantaneous ruling on. I shall give my ruling in due course."

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR :—" What is the ruling for, Sir? "

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" This is a privilege motion. Whether this can be moved or accepted, I shall decide in due course."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" What is the relevant portion to which objection has been raised by the hon. Member? He should make the position clear."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" There is nothing to be made clear, because it all depends on the decision I take. I said I would give my decision in due course. After that this question can be discussed."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" The House will help you, Sir, in coming to a decision."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Not at present."

(The hon. Member Dr. V. K. John rose in his seat.)

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" It is closed now."